

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 223**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2044**

**By McNally, Henry, Burchett**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1977

By Fitzhugh, Tindell, McCormick, Favors, Shaw, Dean, Brown, Towns, Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 21, relative to debt issuance.

WHEREAS, given the current economic and world political situation, it is in the best interest of local governments to have the greatest flexibility with respect to the issuance of its general obligation debt; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 21, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 9-21-152.

(a) A local government shall have discretion, until June 30, 2010, to sell bonds at private sale upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine and upon approval by the governing body of the local government.

(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to counties having a population greater than three hundred seven thousand (307,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census and the municipality which is the county seat of such county.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 4, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 18th day of May 2009**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR